

HOUSE BILL 1656
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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 56, Chapter 7,
relative to insurance coverage for voluntary breast removal
of women at high risk for developing breast cancer.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 56, Chapter 7, Part 23, is amended by
adding the following language as a new section, to be appropriately designated as follows:

Section 56-7-2363.

(a) Any individual, franchise, blanket, or group health insurance policy; medical
service plan contract; hospital service corporation contract; hospital and medical service
corporation contract; hospital, surgical, or medical expense insurance or plan of a
fraternal benefit society; or health maintenance organization evidence of coverage which
is delivered, issued for delivery, amended, entered into, or renewed on or after July 1,
2003, shall provide coverage for voluntary breast removal of women at high risk for
developing breast cancer who are covered individuals under such policy, contract, plan,
or evidence of coverage.

(b) As used in this section, "women at high risk" means:

(1) Women from a family where one (1) or more family members had
breast cancer;

(2) Women where the DNA testing indicates positive factors increasing the likelihood of breast cancer;

(3) Women who have had cancer; or

(4) Women with factors that are included as standards identified by nationally recognized organizations and associations as placing women at risk.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2003, the public welfare requiring it.